



MONTEREY BAY NEWS

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September, 2025

Next meeting Friday 19, 2025
 Eating Starts 7:00 P.M.
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Place Aptos Grange,
 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Iris Society



Japanese iris Blue Spritz, Delmez, 1996

photo Jane Jordan

From The Prez

AUGUST WAS A BUSY AND REWARDING MONTH for MBIS! Jim Cummins, Charley Kearns, Jo Chisholm, Lloyd Clark, and many others donated an abundance of irises, time and energy into setting up and providing irises for our sales. We had three successful sales, and we're happy to report that those few extra iris at the end of our sales went to Jeff Bennett and the Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated—your help and cheerful support makes all the difference! Thank you to all who dug, labelled and participated in our sales!

In addition to our sales, Joe Ghio and friends spent two mornings at his home, working hard to weed, dig and pack his beautiful iris to be shipped off to Schreiner's for planting. It wasn't easy—we battled weeds, gophers, and dust—but we were determined to unearth future Wister and Dykes Award winners. It's all part of the process, and the friendships are the most important parts of a workday.

At our September meeting, I will be appointing a Nominating Committee chair and two additional members will be nominated from the floor. If you would like

2025 Calendar

Monthly meetings are held on the third Friday at the Aptos Grange unless otherwise stated

Regular Meeting
 Friday, September 19 7:00P.M.
 TBA
 Refreshments
 Potluck

Regular Meeting
 Friday, October 17 7:00P.M.
 Aptos Grange, Aptos, CA
 PCIs
 Joe Ghio
 Refreshments
 Potluck

Bring beardless irises surplus for the Fall door prize drawing. Also any extra bearded irises are welcome for the drawing.

NOTE!
Holiday Party is December the 12th.

September Birthdays

<i>Sonja Weininger</i>	<i>Sept 3</i>
<i>Kaye Beth</i>	<i>Sept 14</i>
<i>Sherry Austin</i>	<i>Sept 16</i>
<i>Wayne Crabbs</i>	<i>Sept 17</i>
<i>Kathy Wood</i>	<i>Sept 27</i>
<i>Christine Dickinson</i>	<i>Sept 29</i>

to serve in any officer or board position, contact a member of the committee before the October meeting.

The Regional gathering for 2027 is in progress, with Jo Chisholm, with Lloyd Clark, and Diane Sampson planting and labeling more than 50 irises for display in two gardens already. If you want to help in those gardens, be sure Jo and Diane know you are willing and able to help!

Monterey Bay Iris Society has invested in some beautiful new iris for our door prizes this year. With gopher wire in place, we are sure to have a great selection of new irises for everyone next year! These plants were purchased using the funds raised from our recent sales, and we're excited to offer you the very best and latest varieties as a token of appreciation for your continued support. Remember, simply attending our meetings and signing in on the attendance sheet increases the number of new irises you will receive at the July picnic!! 🌸🌸Diane

CULTURE TIPS

PLANTING BEARDEDS in September and October, you will find the big, tall growth you get from early summer planting won't happen. The growth occurs but it will be much shorter and the increase shows almost immediately. I have found that I get just as much growth and bloom from late planting as from early summer planting.

Be sure you tag your plantings and make a chart of the area with the names of the irises and how many you planted.

Now is also the time to replant your beardless irises—Louisianas, spurias, siberians and any others except for the Pacificas. Wait on the latter to dig and replant them at the earliest mid-October and better yet wait until early November after the weather cools down. Remember these beardless will not tolerate drying out. If you can't replant them immediately, hold them over in buckets of water.

If you haven't watered your Pacificas (like I haven't) start doing so now so they begin developing new growth and roots needed for successful replanting them after mid-October or later.

In mid-October, consider planting seeds from any recent crosses or seed collections. If weeds are becoming a problem, apply a pre-emergent herbicide just before rainfall. The rainfall will help work the product into the soil, preventing weed germination. 🌸🌸Joe

Door Prizes

Once more members need to bring good recent iris, rebloomers and any and all beardless iris plants to share as door prizes. Bring favorite irises for the drawing. Those beardless iris you won in prior years would be good. It is important to have a good selection of iris both for us and for any new

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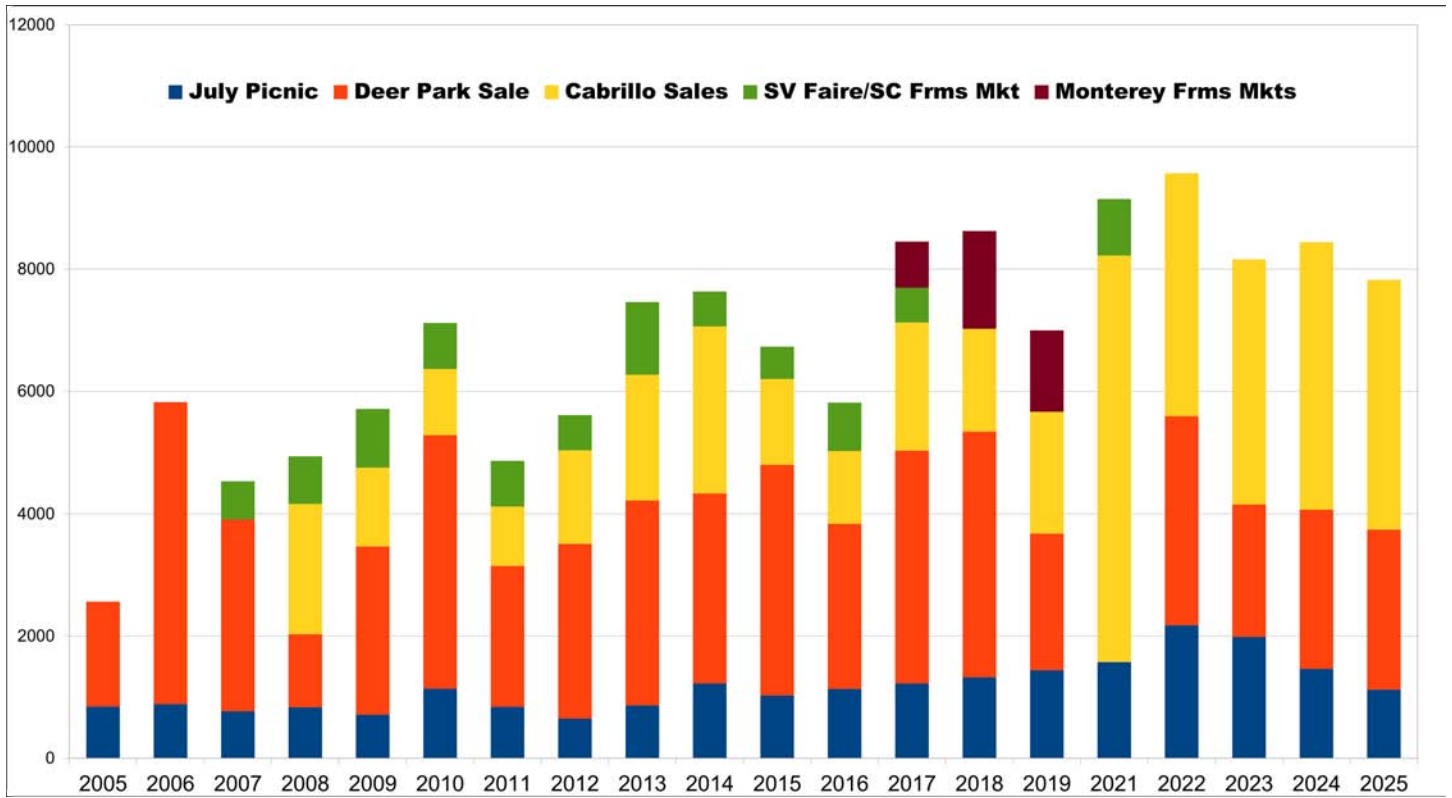
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members coming to the meeting! Or, any homeless iris you find you have. The door prizes we have purchased will appear starting with the November meeting. For this September meeting and for the October meeting you will win iris plants taking them home in your hands.

This is a rebloomer month so bring those blooms for a chance to get the first pick of the draw.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

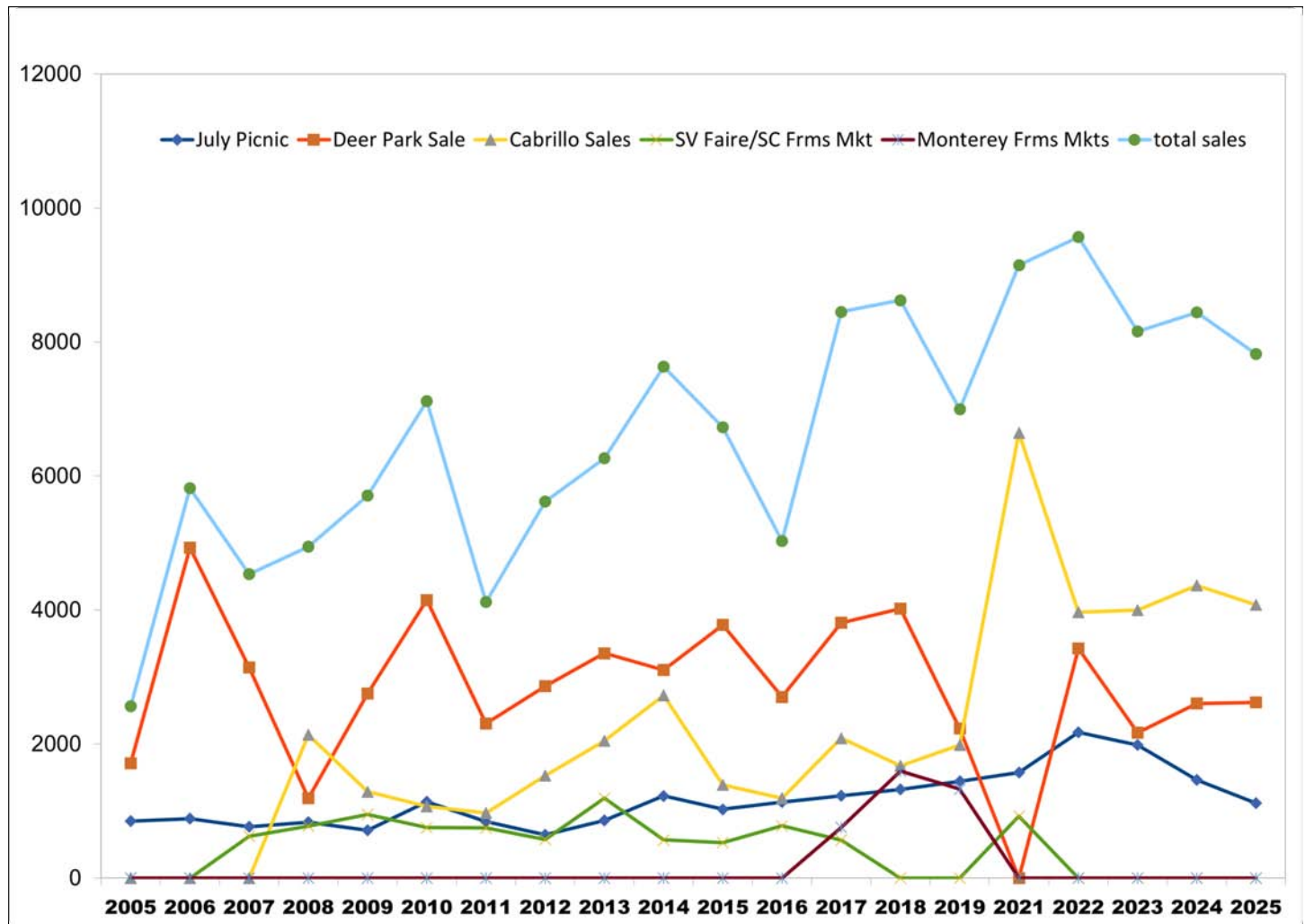
This is the month we start the process of electing the officers to serve our club for 2026. The President appoints a person to chair the Nominating Committee. Then, two more members are nominated from the floor. The three member committee compiles a recommended slate of officers and board members. The recommended slate is announced at the October meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at that time. The election is held at the November meeting, with the new officers taking office January 1st.



Sales Totals

The income from the Picnic is \$1,121; Deer Park, \$2,621;

Cabrillo 1, \$1,912 and Cabrillo 2, \$2,168. The graph reflects both Cabrillo sales with a total of \$4,080.









GATHERING, DIG AND LABELING AT JO AND LLOYD'S



A DIG OF JOE'S IRIS

photos by Mikey Lango



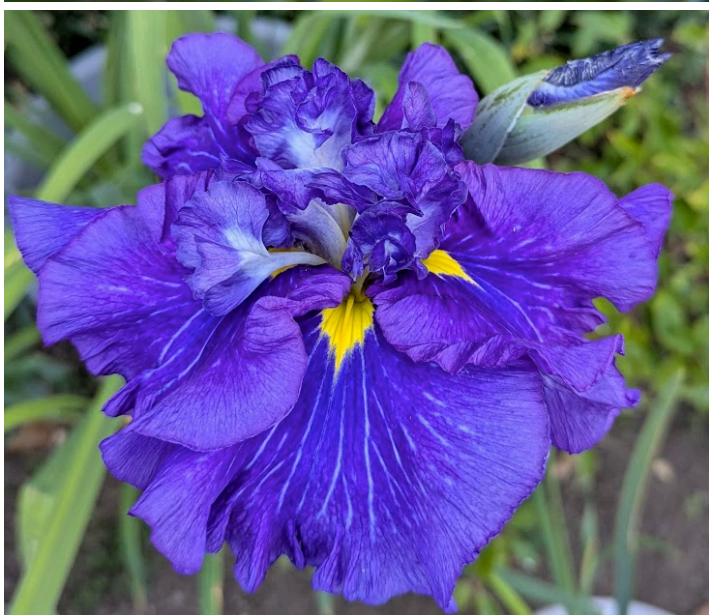


Dark Spell, Aitken, JI, 2019

A BLOOM OF BEARDLESS IRIS

photos by Jane Jordan

iris top right, Pink Playmate, C. Harris, JI, 2017;
center right, C. Harris, JI, 2012;
bottom right, Tessa Dark Eyes, Aitken, JI, 1995;
bottom right, Enchanted Lake, Payne, JI, 1952



'Meet Me at the Garden House'

American Iris Society Region 14 - 2025 Fall Regional
Hosted by Clara B Rees Iris Society



October 3 – 4, 2025
Shoup Park, Garden House
400 University Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022
Friday 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Guest Speaker — Kevin Vaughn

Registrant 1 First name: _____ Last name: _____
Registrant 2 First name: _____ Last name: _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone _____ Email to receive confirmation _____
Local Iris Society _____

Registration includes Friday rebloomer show, entries accepted 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, 1-1/2 hours judges training by Kevin Vaughn, 'Judging the Medians' at 7:30 pm. Three median classes occupy the same height range: IB, BB, and MTB. However, each class has distinct characteristics. These distinctions will be described with the hope of improving judging in these classes.

Saturday includes a continental breakfast, business meeting, lunch, our guest speaker, Kevin Vaughn, silent auction, live iris auction, and access to Shoup Park and trails.

Will you be attending Judges Training? _____ Would you like a vegetarian lunch? _____

Registration fee if received before Sept 12, 2025 — \$75.00 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

If received after Sept 15 — \$85.00 number of person/s _____ Total \$ _____

Please make the check payable to Clara B Rees Iris Society (CBRIS). Mail the check and registration to:
Jane Jordan, 2315 Gunar Dr., San Jose, CA 95124.

Registrations received after Sept 20, 2025, will be accepted at the discretion of the Registrar.